

# BUZZ

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**GINA TEMPLE, PHD, FACHE**, is the new **NORTHWEST TEXAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM** Chief Executive Officer. Gina brings more than 15 years of healthcare leadership experience, with a documented history of accelerating service-line development, improving clinical outcomes, and fostering and building strong physician collaborations. Her

appointment marks a return to Texas from Colorado, where she previously served in multiple senior executive leadership roles. With experience as both a hospital CEO and Texas Group Chief Operating Officer in San Antonio, she offers extensive knowledge of the state's healthcare landscape and regulatory dynamics.



The **AMARILLO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION** officially welcomed **ANDREAS ECKSTEIN** as its new President and CEO.

Andreas brings more than two decades of executive leadership experience in economic development, international business strategy, and public-private partnership development.

Throughout his career, he has worked at the intersection of government, industry, and global investment, helping organizations drive growth and expand operations. Prior to joining the Amarillo Economic Development Corporation as President and CEO, Andreas led the U.S. operations of a European economic development organization, advancing foreign direct investment, corporate expansion, and strategic transatlantic partnerships across North America and Europe. Earlier in his career, Andreas held senior leadership roles at Hannover Re, overseeing strategic investment initiatives, innovation programs, and international expansion efforts, while advising executive leadership on investment strategy and site selection. Andreas holds a Ph.D. in Business Administration from the University of Göttingen and is passionate about fostering business growth, regional competitiveness, and collaborative partnerships. He and his wife, Kerstin, have one son.



**BANK OF AMERICA** has announced that **BREEZY ADAMS**, Merrill senior resident director, is its new Amarillo president. She succeeds W. Ashley Allen, who successfully led the market for 17 years, and retired from the company after 30 years. Breezy has over 25 years of experience helping individuals and families navigate the financial decisions that shape their lives, legacies

and long-term goals. She began her career as a financial advisor in 2000 after receiving her B.S. degree from West Texas A&M University and is a Certified Financial Planner™. Juba, Adams, Wilson, Campsey & Associates, Breezy's wealth management team, was named to Forbes' Best-In-State Wealth Management Teams list for North Texas in 2026 and 2025 respectively. Additionally, In February 2026, Breezy was included among Forbes' Top Women Wealth Advisors Best-In-State list for North Texas. Breezy, her husband, and their twin sons reside in Amarillo.



Lance R. McMahon



Kendra P. Rumbaugh

**TEXAS TECH UNIVERSITY HEALTH SCIENCES CENTER (TTUHSC)** has named **LANCE R. MCMAHON, PH.D.**, as the new **GRADUATE SCHOOL OF BIOMEDICAL SCIENCES** dean and **KENDRA P. RUMBAUGH, PH.D.**, as vice dean. In this leadership role, McMahon will oversee the school's advanced degree programs, expand specialized research infrastructure and educate the next generation of scientists to drive life-saving medical breakthroughs. Serving as TTUHSC's executive vice president for Research and Innovation since 2021, McMahon became the interim dean for the Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences in June 2025. He will continue in that dual role, as well as serve as chair of the Research Council and a faculty member in the Jerry H. Hodge School of Pharmacy. Before coming to TTUHSC, McMahon served as professor and chair of the Department of Pharmacodynamics at the University of Florida College of Pharmacy and had a consistent record of successful research funding during his career. Prior to his position at the University of Florida, McMahon was a tenured associate professor of pharmacology at the University of Texas Health Science Center in San Antonio. Rumbaugh currently serves as director of the TTUHSC Burn Center of Research Excellence, a role she has held since 2017. As a TTUHSC graduate and an internationally respected scientist, Rumbaugh has built a distinguished career in research of bacterial pathogenesis in acute and chronic wound and soft tissue infections, publishing extensively in her field. She has played a significant role in graduate education, supervising and mentoring numerous students and early-career researchers, many of whom have gone on to positions in academia, industry and government.



**DR. RICK HAASL** is the newly named vice president of enrollment management at **WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**. Haasl has served for the past year as the vice provost for enrollment management and moves into the new position to further refine WT's efforts on recruitment of students throughout the Texas Panhandle and beyond. Haasl, a Dalhart native,

joined WT in 2005 in the Department of Sports and Exercise Science. He earned a bachelor's in health and physical education from Oklahoma Panhandle State University, a master's in education from Northeastern State University, and a doctoral degree in higher education leadership from Texas Tech University.



The **AMERICAN ADVERTISING FEDERATION-AMARILLO (AAF-AMARILLO)** has been recognized on the national stage, earning Division 4 Chapter of the Year and Division 4 President of the Year honors during the American Advertising Federation's annual ADMERICA Conference. The awards were presented as part of the National Club

Achievement Competition, which recognizes outstanding local AAF clubs and leaders for excellence in chapter service, operations, programming, and community impact throughout the year. AAF-Amarillo President **ZIVORAD FILIPOVIC** received the prestigious Division 4 President of the Year Award for his leadership and commitment to advancing the chapter's mission

and creating meaningful opportunities for advertising, marketing, communications, and creative professionals across the Texas Panhandle. In addition to being named Division 4 Chapter of the Year, AAF-Amarillo earned multiple national recognitions in the National Club Achievement Competition, including: 2nd Place – Club Operations, 2nd Place – Cornerstone Initiatives & Events, 3rd Place – Public Service.

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**FIRSTBANK SOUTHWEST** ("FBSW") is pleased to announce that **TIM TUCKER** has joined the Pampa team as Vice President, Commercial Lender. A Texas Panhandle native, Tim entered the banking industry in 2019 after a successful career in automotive

sales. He earned an Associate Degree in Business Administration from Amarillo College in 2020 and a Bachelor of Business Administration in Finance from West Texas A&M University in 2021. Since entering banking, he has held a variety of positions that have strengthened his knowledge of financial services, lending, and customer relationships.



**DR. EMILY HUNT**, dean of **WTAMU'S COLLEGE OF ENGINEERING**, will be adding new duties to her portfolio with her appointment as **WTAMU'S ASSOCIATE VICE PRESIDENT FOR RESEARCH DEVELOPMENT AND INNOVATION**. In this new position, Dr. Hunt will help WT continue to

expand its reach as a Regional Research University, helping to coordinate research development across campus and to enhance partnerships with industry, government and The Texas A&M University System. Hunt joined WT in 2005 after earning her bachelor's, master's and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from Texas Tech University.



**DR. TODD MCNEILL** is the new **VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS AND FINANCE AT WEST TEXAS A&M UNIVERSITY**. McNeill joined WT in 2014 as director of finance, then served as associate vice president for business and finance / controller from September 2020 to

December 2025. In January, he was named acting vice president of business and finance. In his new position, McNeill oversees the University's physical facilities and contract management along with supervising the Accounting and Business Office, Budget Office, Buff Gold Card Office, Human Resources, Post Office, Purchasing and Inventory Services, the University Bookstore, and the University Police Department. Prior to joining WT, McNeill worked in the restaurant, agriculture and construction industries. He earned degrees in accounting from Lubbock Christian University and an MBA from WT. Most recently, he earned a doctoral degree in educational leadership from WT.

In other recent administrative changes at WTAMU, going into effect Sept. 1, **DR. KRIS DRUMHELLER** will take a larger role as the sole associate dean in **THE SYBIL B. HARRINGTON COLLEGE OF FINE ARTS AND HUMANITIES**, stepping down as head of the Department of Communication. That role will be filled by **DR. EMILY KINSKY**. **DR. REBECCA WEIR** will be the new head of the Department of English, Philosophy and Modern Languages, in which Kinsky served as interim department head for the past two years. **DR. BRIAN VIZZINI** will be the new head of the Department of History following **DR. TIM BOWMAN'S** appointment as the new director of WT's Center for the Study of the American West. **DR. DAN PETERSON** is dean of the Harrington College of Fine Arts and Humanities.

The mission of the **PANHANDLE SPORTS HALL OF FAME**, managed by **KIDS, INC.**, is to honor outstanding athletes, coaches, and sports contributors, preserve the region's rich sports history, and inspire future generations through recognition and celebration of excellence in sports. This year, golf took center stage with the installation of two prominent names in the sport, along with two others, last month in the 68th Annual Texas Panhandle Sports Hall of Fame ceremonies. The greatest golfer in Texas Panhandle history, and a longtime golf professional who impacted the game for 37 years, join one of the top football players in the 1950s who later played for the world champion Baltimore Colts, and one of the top players in West Texas A&M's women's basketball program, comprise the latest class. The honorees this year were **HAROLD LEWIS**, **SHERWIN COX**, **TERESA TINNER**, and **RYAN PALMER**.

			
<b>Inductee 211</b> <b>Harold Lewis</b>	<b>Inductee 212</b> <b>Sherwin Cox</b>	<b>Inductee 213</b> <b>Teresa Tinner</b>	<b>Inductee 214</b> <b>Ryan Palmer</b>

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**NORTHWEST TEXAS HEALTHCARE SYSTEM'S WOUND CARE CENTER** has earned the National President's Circle Award for Exceptional Patient Outcomes and Satisfaction. This is Healogics highest honor recognizing Wound Care Centers® that demonstrate exceptional performance in clinical operations, patient satisfaction, and operational excellence. The NWTWS Wound Care Center is part of the Healogics network, which supports nearly 600 hospital outpatient Wound Care Centers® nationwide.

Seventy future nurses were celebrated at a special pre-commencement ceremony at West Texas A&M University. WT's **Laura and Joe Street School of Nursing's** annual pinning ceremony. Pinning ceremonies are an opportunity to recognize the students' hard work and dedication in their clinicals and in classwork, marking the transition from student to nurse, said **LAURA REYHER**, director of the Street School of Nursing and WT's Laura and Joe Street Professor of Nursing. Of the 70 graduates, 86 percent plan to work in Amarillo or the Panhandle region. Established in 1972 and graduating its first students in 1974, WT's Street School of Nursing currently provides about 70 percent of nurses employed throughout the Texas Panhandle. WT nursing graduates, over the past five years, have averaged a 92 percent score on the National Council Licensure Examination, required by the National Council of State Boards of Nursing to test the competency of nursing school graduates in the United States and Canada. Nationally, the average is 86 percent; in Texas, it's 89 percent

## July 2026

July 1 – 29 **High Noon on the Square**. Sponsored by Center City the event provides live entertainment every Wednesday in July, Noon - 1 p.m. on the Potter County Courthouse Lawn at 501 S. Fillmore St. in downtown. Lunch available for \$12 – cash only. 372-6744.

July 1 – Aug 16 **MAIN STREET: THE LOST DREAM OF ROUTE 66 PHOTOGRAPHS BY EDWARD KEATING**. Amarillo Museum of Art, 2200 S. Van Buren. 371-5050.

July 1-Aug 1 **"TEXAS" Outdoor Drama**, Palo Duro Canyon Amphitheatre. The 60th season of the family-friendly musical drama captures the essence of the settling of this area. The Pioneer Amphitheatre provides a magnificent setting. Daily (except Mondays). Tickets, catered BBQ dinner and VIP experience are available at [texas-show.com](http://texas-show.com) or 806-655-2181.

July 1 – Aug 30 **Stations Words | Bars Cars**. This exhibition brings together the works of American artists Ed Ruscha and Ron Cooper. Both artists were involved in the intensely creative time in 1960s California and the Chouinard Art Institute. An important aspect of each artist's practice is the road, light, and movement across the landscape of the American West. Amarillo Museum of Art, 2200 S. Van Buren. 371-5050.

July 2 **Fire Academy 5 Graduation**. 6:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. 378-9360.

July 2-4 **85th Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo**. UPRA Rodeo nightly at 7 p.m.; (6:30, nightly, Mutton Bustin (Ages 7 and under, before rodeo). Stay for dances after each rodeo starting at 9 p.m. (Fri: Jack Cryver and Bad Decisions; Sat: Cameron James Smith). Will Rogers Range Riders Rodeo Arena, 8829 S. Washington St. 806-622-2102.

July 2-4 **Saints' Roost 4th of July Celebration**, Clarendon. 7/2: Junior Rodeo; 7/3: Lions Bingo, Depression Lunch, Ranch Rodeo; 7/4: Craft Fair, Parades, Shriners' BBQ, Turtle Races, Ranch Rodeo and more! 806-874-2421.

July 2-4 **UFO Festival**, Roswell, NM. Incoming: "Red, White and Whoa!! Plan to land in Roswell for information on intergalactic entertainment, out-of-this-world speakers, and stellar events. Believers and skeptics alike are invited to mix and mingle with UFO and space enthusiasts while enjoying live entertainment, family-friendly activities, guest speakers, authors, costume contests, and maybe even an alien abduction. Out-of-this-world drone show (7/2); 5K/10K Alien Chase Run & Walk (7/4: 7 a.m., Cielo Grande Recreation Area, 1612 W College Blvd. – sign up at [roswellconnect.com](http://roswellconnect.com)). 575-914-8018.

July 2 – August 27 **Music in the Gardens**. Every Thursday night through the end of August, this family-friendly event features such local artists as Tennessee Tuckness, Solano Project and Insufficient Funds. Gates open at 6 p.m. and music starts at 7 p.m. Outside food and beverages, coolers, and lawn chairs are allowed. A different food truck will be on site every week. Admission is \$10 per person, \$5 if you are a member and children under 10 are free! 1400 Streit Dr. 352-6513.

July 3 **Amarillo Red White & Boom!** A go-at-your-own-pace race. Grab your glow gear, neon outfits, and brightest accessories for an evening of biking, running, or walking in the park without the worry of motorized traffic. This FREE event is open to all ages and is untimed, so come and go as you please! Parking available north of the park off Parkside Dr. behind the fire station. 9:30 p.m., John Stiff Park North. 378-3036.

July 3 **Aaron Watson with William Clark Live**, Canyon. 8 p.m., The Lumberyard. 806-804-3000.

July 4 **Firecracker 5K**. Hosted by Randy's Shoes, all proceeds directly support Hope Lives Here, where service dogs are trained and placed with Veterans battling PTS, TBI, Military Sexual Trauma and chronic pain. Show up in your best red, white and blue and run for hope. 7 a.m., 4880 S Soncy. Register here: [www.raceentry.com/races/firecracker-5k-2026/2026/register](http://www.raceentry.com/races/firecracker-5k-2026/2026/register).

July 4 **More Amarillo Red White & Boom!** 3 p.m., Sand Volleyball tournament; 5 p.m., Eat Street (20 different food trucks), Kids Zone, and Beergarden open; 6:30 p.m., Live music begins; 9:45 p.m., Fireworks and Drone Show. Parking lots open and shuttle service begins at 5 p.m. from Amarillo High School, Randall High School and Amarillo Civic Center North Parking lot. John Stiff Park. 378-3036.

July 4 **Fourth of July Celebration**, Canyon. One of the largest 4th of July celebrations in state of Texas! 7-10 a.m., Cole Community Center, Lions Club Pancake Breakfast (\$7); 9 a.m. - 3 p.m., Fair on the Square; 9:30 a.m., Fourth Avenue Firecracker Mile; 10 a.m., Independence Day Parade; 10 p.m., Southeast Park, Fireworks. 806-655-7815.

July 4 **Pampa Hometown Independence Day Celebration**, Pampa. Hot dog eating contest, pie eating contest, free kids fishing derby (11 a.m.), duck derby, karaoke contest (12:30 p.m.), and more. Food trucks, vendors, family fun. 8 a.m., 5K beginning at the Freedom Museum; 10 a.m., Parade beginning at MK Brown; Noon, Veterans Salute, and at dusk, Fireworks. 806-669-3241.

July 4 **5th Annual Independence Day Celebration – Freedom 250 Weekend**, Fritch. Vendors, live music throughout the day. 9:30 a.m., Parade; 10 a.m., Annual Fritch Turtle Race; Noon, Fish Fry Meal at Senior Citizen Center (\$10/plate). Lake Meredith Aquatic & Wildlife Museum. 806-395-1441.

July 7, 14, 21, 28 **70th Year of Starlight Theatre Summer Music Series**. Live music with a different band and opener every week. Food trucks, vendors. 6:30 – 8:00 p.m., Sam Houston Park. 806-367-9088.

July 7, 14, 21, 28 **Shakespeare in the Canyon**, Palo Duro Canyon. Presented by the cast of “TEXAS.” Show feature: “Much Ado About Nothing.” 8 p.m., Palo Duro Canyon Amphitheatre. Tickets available at texas-show.com or 806-655-2181.

July 7-12 **Sod Poddles Baseball VS Arkansas Travelers**. 7:05 p.m. (Sun: 1:05 p.m.), Hodgetown. For tickets: 806-803-7762.

July 7 – Oct 31 **Golden Spread Farmers Market**. A cooperative of Panhandle area farmers, all located within a 150-mile radius of Amarillo. Dedicated vendors grow their own fruits, vegetables, and fresh-cut flowers, all harvested the day before sale (can't get any fresher!). 7 a.m. – sell-out on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays, 15th & Pecos, Arts in the Sunset. 806-383-1366.

July 8-9 **AQHA Youth Excellence Seminar**. Amarillo Civic Center. 376-4811.

July 10 **WTAMU Foundation Golf Classic**. An opportunity to support invaluable University research initiatives. 11:30 a.m., Check-in; Noon, Lunch; play begins at 1 p.m., Ross Rogers Golf Course. Team registration (\$750): 806-651-2067.

July 10-12 **Amarillo Coin & Currency Show**. Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room. 378-4297.

July 10-12 and 17-19 **“You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown.”** Filled with humor and honesty, this musical captures the simple joys and quiet struggles that make growing up universal. With timeless themes and gentle optimism, the show celebrates friendship, perseverance and the reassuring reminder that everyone—even Charlie Brown—is good just the way they are. Production by Amarillo Little Theatre Academy. 7:30 p.m. (2:30 p.m., Sundays), ALT Adventure Space. For tickets: 355-9991.

July 11 **Koben Puckett PBR Bull Riding**. 7:30 p.m., Tri-State Exposition Amarillo National Center. For tickets: 376-7767.

July 11 **Music in the Park**, Quitaque. Caprock Canyons will host Roger Martin/ Dirt Storm Drifters (included originals and covers). Chairs provided but welcome to bring your own. Bring water. Pets must be leashed. 6:30 p.m., meet at the Caprock Canyons Visitor Center Pavilion. Free with park entrance fee. 512-389-4800.

July 11-12 **West Texas Collectors Expo**. This is a cards-only event—strictly trading cards and trading card-themed items. Amarillo Civic Center South Exhibit Hall. 378-4297.

July 12 **Every Drop Counts Calendar Judging**. K-12 children were invited by the City of Amarillo to submit original artwork for the annual Every Drop Counts calendar. Winners receive exciting prizes, including a \$1,000 gift card and exclusive merchandise. Moreover, the winning artworks will be featured in the upcoming “2027 Every Drop Counts Calendar”, serving as a year-round reminder of the significance of water conservation. 10 a.m., Amarillo Civic Center Regency Room. 378-4297.



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July 13-18 **2026 IPMBA Conference**. Serving the ever-evolving needs of public safety cyclists. Amarillo Civic Center Complex. 378-4297.

July 16 **Golf Tournament**. The Scholarship Scramble & Social tournament, hosted by Tri-State Exposition. A laid-back evening with dinner, live music - check-in at 5:30 p.m., tee-off at 6:30 p.m., Preston West Golf Course. 3-person team (\$375): 806-640-2899.

July 16-18 **Stock Horse of Texas Show**. 8 a.m. – 5 p.m., Tri-State Exposition Amarillo National Center and Bill Cody Arena. 376-7767.

July 17 **Forrest & Margaret in concert**, Panhandle. 7 p.m., Buffalo Grass Music Hall, 123 Main St., Panhandle. 806-236-2933.

July 18 **International Dark Sky Star Party – Crescent Moon**, Quitaque. Caprock Canyons will host members of Amarillo Astronomy. Peer through amazing telescopes to see galaxies, constellations, moons and more. Dress appropriately and bring chairs, blankets, water. Red light encouraged – dim headlights when entering North Prong Parking Lot. 8:30-10:30 p.m., Caprock Canyons State Park. 512-389-4800.

July 18-19 **Texas Gun & Knife Show**. Amarillo Civic Center South Exhibit Hall. 378-4297.

July 18-19 **45th Las Fiestas de Amarillo**. Presented by Our Lady of Guadalupe Church. Food booths, silent auctions, kids' games, lots of music, and live entertainment. Saturday at 11 a.m., Parade on Arthur St., Fiestas opening at Noon. Gates open at 10 a.m. on Sunday. Age 15 and under: Free; \$5 admission after 5 p.m. on Sunday. \$10 tickets for Grand Drawing – 1st Prize: \$5000 VISA card. 1210 SE 11th Ave. 372-1128.

July 19 **SweetNotes 2.0 concert**. The “Biyaya” (Blessing) Concert Tour celebrates music as a gift that brings people together. Beautiful music, heartfelt stories, and lighthearted moments that resonate with audiences of all ages. 7:30 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. For tickets: 378-3096.

July 24 **106th Amarillo Police Academy Graduation**. Noon, Amarillo Civic Center Grand Plaza. 378-3038.

July 25 **1st Annual Original Harley Party**. Amarillo's biggest street party to benefit Family Support Services! Music, food, beverages, vendors and a brand-new Harley or cash prize to one lucky winner! 5-9 p.m., Tri-State Exposition at Amarillo National Center. Tickets (\$120 admission for two includes one entry into the grand prize drawing): 806-342-2536.

July 25 **Jerry Seinfeld Live**. 8 p.m., Amarillo Civic Center Auditorium. For tickets: 378-3096.

July 25 **Stratford Jamboree**, Stratford. Parade theme this year is “Happy 250th Anniversary America” (10:30 a.m., Main Street); 11:30 a.m., BBQ in the Park; Ranch Rodeo (Rodeo Grounds), and at dark, Fireworks! 806-366-2260.

July 28-Aug 2 **Sod Poddles Baseball VS San Antonio Missions**. 7:05 p.m. (Sun: 1:05 p.m.), Hodgetown. For tickets: 806-803-7762.

July 30 **Tipps & Obermiller in concert**, Panhandle. 7 p.m., Buffalo Grass Music Hall, 123 Main St., Panhandle. 806-236-2933. *AW*

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Stay active with gentle exercises but balance activity with rest, especially during flares. A healthy lifestyle—balanced diet, good sleep, stress management, and avoiding smoking—can help reduce inflammation.

Most importantly, please partner closely with your care team, keep your follow-up visits, and know that the earlier we address your symptoms, the better we can protect your health and quality of life.

I completed my rheumatology fellowship at Emory University in Atlanta. That strengthened my clinical expertise and deepened my commitment to patient-centered care. I was born and raised in Nepal, a country renowned for its stunning mountains and rich cultural heritage. Growing up surrounded by the Himalayas fostered in me a deep love for hiking and being outdoors—it's my way of recharging and staying grounded. I also enjoy gardening, which provides a sense of calm and serves as a reminder that both plants and patients thrive best with patience and care. I have a passion for exploring new cuisines, often sparking meaningful conversations about healthy eating with my patients.

Whether hiking, gardening, or trying new dishes, these personal interests help me bring balance and empathy to my work as a rheumatologist. I am married, and I've found that the warm hospitality here in Amarillo, Texas, closely matches the welcoming culture of Nepal, making me truly feel at home.

I want my patients and the community to know that my practice is deeply rooted in compassion and a genuine dedication to improving lives. I am dedicated to serving communities with limited availability of rheumatologists and was drawn to Amarillo because it serves as the medical hub of the Texas Panhandle. Amarillo offers a unique opportunity to make a meaningful difference not only in the city but also in the surrounding rural areas. Together with my team, I am committed to providing comprehensive, patient-centered care in an environment where every individual feels heard and empowered throughout their healthcare journey. We strive to build a trusting relationship to ensure our patients achieve their best possible health.

My secret to success is a relentless passion for helping others, combined with hard work, dedication, and patience—qualities I consistently bring to patient care. I am committed to lifelong learning, staying updated with the latest medical advancements, and truly listening to my patients' needs. This enables me to provide effective, tailored care that makes a meaningful difference in their lives, fueling my continual growth as a healthcare provider and allowing me to positively impact my community.

What I love most about being a physician is the opportunity to make a real, positive difference in people's lives—whether it's helping to relieve pain, unraveling complex medical problems, or supporting patients through difficult times. Building genuine, trusting relationships and witnessing patients regain their health and confidence is incredibly fulfilling. This daily reward is what inspires my ongoing dedication to the field of medicine.

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**As a rheumatologist new to Amarillo,** I suggest it is easier to treat disease early than after things have gone out of hand. I am married. My wife and I are raising our ten-year-old son and three-year-old daughter. We love skiing, golfing, and travelling internationally. I've spent half of my adult life in Japan, working in both pharma and in academic medicine. I believe in humility, presenting treatment options, and listening to learn and understand patients' needs. Seeing patients get better is what I love most about the practice of medicine.

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**Dr. Peter Shane**  
Rheumatologist

**DR. CHEN CHAO**  
*Rheumatologist*



*Caring for patients in English and Spanish with compassion, respect and expertise.*

**I am a general rheumatologist** whose primary interests include lupus and vasculitis. I moved to Amarillo this year, trading the city hustle of New York for wide open skies and a slower, more grounded pace of life. The change has given me a fresh perspective, and I'm excited to dive into the community. I have a knack for listening to stories, figuring out what's really going on under the surface, and putting together a plan that balances medication, movement, and everyday life. My job is to take that frustration out of a patient's routine and help them move with less pain and more freedom. So, if you have a persistent ache, a sudden swelling, or just the nagging feeling that your joints might be asking for a break, remember I'm here.

I was born in China and raised in Argentina, a blend that gives me a broad view of life and culture. In my spare time I love photographing—from quiet desert dawns to colorful Buenos Aires festivals—and I keep active by biking along scenic trails or through city streets.

I'd like my patients and the Amarillo community to know that I come from a place that values compassion, curiosity, and commitment—principles that guide every aspect of my practice. I spend time exploring every place that I go capturing those moments through photography, which keeps me grounded and reminds me of the simple joys that we all share.

My secret to success is simple: treat every patient as a unique story and partner with them to cocreate a realistic plan. I blend evidence based medicine with a listening ear, staying current through lifelong learning while also valuing interdisciplinary teamwork to keep my patients moving. This balance on the individual keeps me motivated, the patients satisfied, and the practice flourishing.

I love that being a physician is an art, a continuous dialogue between science and humanity. Every day I get to help with tangible relief for someone's aching, but I also get to listen to their stories, understand their hopes and fears. The privilege of seeing a patient's life improve makes it all worthwhile.